

# JET BLAST

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## Beauty and Charm Of Port Au Prince Captivates Crew

Crew members of the Bennington were both pleasantly surprised and pleased last weekend when the ship pulled into Port Au Prince, for two days of liberty and recreation.

If the souvenirs of Haiti do not last, the memories certainly will. In the words of so many Bennington men, "Port Au Prince is one of the most beautiful and hospitable spots in the world."

Visions of the majestic mountains with their gently rolling slopes and magnificent views will never be forgotten. The wonderful treatment rendered to every sailor in the city was appreciated by everyone who visited the exotic country.

Probably the most beautiful sight of all was "Le Perchoir", looking exactly as the travel folders described it—"a castle floating halfway to the heavens."

Most of the crew used their "shrewd" bargaining powers and came back to the

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### Monday Legal Holiday

Monday, July 4, will be a legal holiday on board the Bennington.

Holiday routine will be observed, with Sections 2 and 4 in a liberty status.



**BENNINGTON SIGHTSEERS** - A typical view from the high mountains surrounding Port Au Prince is photographed by four Bennington sailors.

## SHIP'S SCHEDULE

The following is a tentative schedule of the ship's employment through October. It is subject to change.

8 July - Complete training

9-13 July- Enroute Mayport

14-16 July-Enroute Bayonne

16 July-21 Aug- At Bayonne

22-26 Aug- Sea operations

27-28 Aug-At Newport, R.I.

29-31 Aug- Enroute Mayport

1-6 Sept-Operations at sea

7-8 Sept- At Mayport, Fla.

9 Sept-Leave for West Coast

20 Oct- Arrive West Coast

## Bennington Varieties Takes Place Friday & Saturday at 1930

"Bennington Varieties", the ship's first variety show in more than a year, will go on stage Friday and Saturday night in Hanger Bay 1 at 1930.

Promising to be the best show yet, "Bennington Varieties" will feature a cast comprised entirely of crew members. Included in the group are Kent Richards, Master Hypnotist and Magician; The Seacape, Rock and Roll artists; an original electric and steel guitar band for hillbilly fans; several extremely talented singers; plus many other acts. And, arrangements are being made for a special surprise act.

"Bennington Varieties" will be composed of the "big four" elements which go into every hit variety show - comedy, singing, dancing and mystery.

Although tickets for the show are being sold at fabulously high prices throughout Cuba, all members of the Bennington crew will be admitted free.

### Leave Periods Set

Three leave periods have been set for personnel while the ship is in Bayonne, N.J. The first period is from 16 JULY to 27 JULY, the second period from 27 JULY to 7 AUGUST and the third, from 7 AUGUST to 18 AUGUST.